

BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Headquarters
Kentucky Air National Guard
Frankfort, KY 40601

BRIGADIER GENERAL AUSTIN P. SNYDER

Brigadier General Austin P. Snyder is chief of staff of the Kentucky Air National Guard, Frankfort, Kentucky. As chief of staff, he serves the Adjutant General of Kentucky through the Assistant Adjutant General for Air as a principal advisor on matters pertaining to the KYANG. General Snyder oversees operational activities of Headquarters, Kentucky Air National Guard and all Headquarters Staff agencies. HQ KYANG has command and control responsibility for all Air National Guard units in Kentucky.

The general entered the Indiana Air National Guard in 1962 after participating as a cadet at the AFROTC program at Purdue University. Colonel Snyder held the title of "Overall Top Gun" and "Outstanding Fighter Pilot of the Year" while serving as an F-84F pilot with the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing. After transferring to the Kentucky Air National Guard in 1970 he held every squadron level position with the 165th TRS, including squadron commander, before transferring to the 155th TRG, Nebraska Air National Guard as Director of Operations in 1977. In 1978 he returned to Kentucky holding positions as chief of the command post, director of operations and deputy commander in the areas of resources, logistics and maintenance before being appointed as Chief of Staff with the headquarters unit.



General Snyder and his wife Olympia have three children, two daughters and a son.

EDUCATION:

1959	Diploma, College Prep, Culver Military Academy
1969	Air Command and Staff College, certificate
1972	Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology, Purdue University
1972	Industrial College of the Armed Forces
1988	United States Air Force Commanders Course

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. April 1962 - November 1962, awaiting flight school, 113th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Indiana Air National Guard, Terre Haute, Indiana
2. November 1962 - December 1963, student, undergraduate pilot training, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas
3. January 1964 - August 1964, F-100 combat crew training, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona
4. August 1964 - May 1967, F-84F squadron fighter pilot, 113th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Indiana ANG, Terre Haute, Indiana
5. May 1967 - April 1970, F-84 assistant flight commander, 113th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Indiana ANG, Terre Haute, Indiana
6. April 1970 - November 1971, RF-101 assistant flight commander, 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Kentucky Air National Guard.
7. November 1971 - June 1973, RF-101 flight commander, 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Kentucky ANG Louisville, Kentucky
8. June 1973 - October 1975, assistant squadron operations officer, 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Kentucky ANG, Louisville, Kentucky
9. October 1975 - June 1977, RF-101 and later RF-4C squadron operations officer, 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Kentucky ANG, Louisville, Kentucky

10. June 1977 - July 1978, RF-4C director of operations, 155th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, Nebraska ANG, Lincoln, Nebraska
11. July 1978 - December 1979, RF-4C chief operations and training, 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Kentucky ANG, Louisville, Kentucky
12. December 1979 - August 1981, RF-4C squadron commander, 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Kentucky ANG, Louisville, Kentucky
13. August 1981 - February 1982, chief of command post, 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Kentucky ANG, Louisville, Kentucky
14. February 1982 - February 1983, director of operations, 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Kentucky ANG, Louisville, Kentucky
15. February 1983 - September 1985, deputy commander for maintenance, 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Kentucky ANG, Louisville, Kentucky
16. October 1985 - September 1986, deputy commander for resources, 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Kentucky ANG, Louisville, Kentucky
17. October 1986 - January 1993, deputy commander for maintenance, 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Kentucky ANG, Louisville, Kentucky
18. February 1993 - Present, chief of staff, Headquarters, Kentucky ANG, Frankfort, Kentucky

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command pilot

Flight Hours: More than 5400 hours

Aircraft flown: T-33, T-37, F-84, F-100, RF-101, RF-4C, C-130B, E & H, C-131

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

- Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 6 oak leaf clusters
- Combat Readiness Medal with 6 oak leaf clusters
- National Defense Service Medal
- Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with 6 oak leaf clusters
- Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters
- Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster
- Air Force Training Ribbon
- Kentucky Merit Ribbon
- Kentucky Service Ribbon with 5 oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Awarded Tactical Air Command "Well Done Award" for landing a disabled F-84F jet fighter at night using only a flashlight between his legs after flying an instrument approach on the wing of a C-130.
- Detachment Commander of the 123d TRW, representing the United States at an international reconnaissance competition in Denmark, "Best Focus '82" where the 123d finished 1st in the competition.
- Director of Operations during the first ever ANG RF-4C deployed ORI administered by the 9th Air Force. The unit (155th TRG) received an "excellent" rating.
- While serving as Director of Operations for the 123d TRW the unit earned a rare "outstanding" rating by the 12th Air Force ORI team.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	April 17, 1962
First Lieutenant	April 17, 1965
Captain	May 6, 1967
Major	October 16, 1971
Lieutenant Colonel	June 25, 1976
Colonel	September 1, 1982
Brigadier General	September 23, 1994

(Current October 1994)